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SUBJECT: AIRBORNE GEOMAGNETIC SURVEY (PROJECT MAGNET)

1. REQUEST EMBASSY OBTAIN HOST GOVERNMENT APPROVAL FOR UNCLASSIFIED SCIENTIFIC AIRBORNE GEOMAGNETIC SURVEY OVER CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS TO BE CONDUCTED BY U.S. NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC OFFICE DURING PERIOD 10 MARCH TO 29 APRIL 1976.

2. COMMENCING 10 MARCH A SERIES OF AIRBORNE GEOMAGNETIC SURVEYS FOR THE PURPOSE OF GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH AND UNCLASSIFIED

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SAFETY OF NAVIGATION IN SUPPORT OF CINCPACFLT REQUIREMENTS

ARE PLANNED. BETWEEN 10 MARCH AND 4 APRIL A SERIES OF FLIGHTS STAGING FROM YOKOTA WILL BE CONDUCTED OVER- WATER SURVEY OPERATIONS OVER THE HIGH SEAS AREAS. ONE OF THESE AREAS BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY 35 N/140 E, 32N/140 E AND ON THE EAST BY 35N N/145 N, 32 N/140 E DOES INCLUDE PORTIONS OF THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF JAPAN. ON 4 APRIL OPERATIONS WOULD SWITCH FROM YOKOTA TO IWAKUNI AND BETWEEN 4 APRIL AND 29 APRIL FLIGHTS STAGING FROM IWAKUNI WOULD CONDUCT OVERWATER SURVEY OPERATIONS OVER AN AREA BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY 29 N/123 E, 32 N/125 E, AND ON THE EAST BY 32 N/135 E, 2 N/135 E. THE SURVEYS WOULD INCLUDE PORTIONS OF THE CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS OF JAPAN.

3. FLIGHTS WILL BE FLOWN AT AN ALTITUDE OF 500 FEET UTILIZING THE PROJECT MAGNET AIRCRAFT RP-3D BUNO 158227, WITH A CREW OF 13, 4 U.S. CITIZEN CIVILIAN SCIENTISTS EMPLOYED BY DOD AND 1 HONEYWELL TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE WORKING UNDER CONTRACT FOR DOD. REGRET NO ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR HOST COUNTRY SCIENTISTS. HOWEVER, DATA FROM SURVEYS CAN BE PROVIDED HOST COUNTRY ON REQUEST.

4. NAVOCEANO WILL REQUEST AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE IAW FCG SEPARATELY. KISSINGER

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